

Arrest made in death of teen roller blading on 15 Side Road

A 34-year-old former Halton Hills man remains in custody until a July 20 bail hearing, charged in connection with the hit-and-run death last Thursday of Lauren Cooper, 18 of Second Line, Nassagaweya.

Cooper, whose body was found by her father in the ditch beside their rural property, was struck by a Chevrolet pickup or SUV while roller blading in the 15 Side Road- Second Line area between 8 and 10 p.m.

Before 7 the next morning, a suspect vehicle was located by police at a Milton motel and the owner was arrested without incident and charged with fail-to-remain, criminal negligence causing death and possession of a controlled substance.

A vehicle was seized for forensic examination.

BMX death

The Ministry of Labour is leading the investigation

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into the death of an Ontario Cycling Association member who was killed at a BMX Canada track being built on 15 Side Road, east of Highway 25.

Around 4 p.m. on Saturday, Timothy DaSilva, 20, of Milton, was operating a compacting roller in reverse on an incline when it toppled to one side, trapping him.

Police, who are investigating along with the Coroner's Office, said a post mortem showed he died of massive internal injuries

Storm damage

Monday's driving rain and high winds caused a number of problems in Acton, beginning at 10:24 p.m. when thunderstorms

triggered the fire alarm at the Sobeys plaza.

During intermittent power outages, the store's emergency system did not activate, resulting in the fire alarm going off.

Acton firefighters helped a Tanner Drive resident switch to auxiliary power for their breathing unit just before 10 p.m. on Monday when high winds and driving rain caused several power outages.

Lightning struck a hydro pole on Churchill Road near McDonald Boulevard just before 10 on Monday night, but Acton firefighters determined there was no fire.

Transformer fire

Power was out to a number of residences in the McDonald Boulevard-Churchill Road area just after 10 on Saturday night after a hydro transformer exploded and caught fire.



KITTEN CUTE: This photograph taken by Acton's Howe Sim of Dusty, a Mississauga kitten who was rescued from a garbage bag in a dumpster, was selected to be part of the 2007 Whiskas cat food calendar.

Acton doctor/photographer takes purr-fect calendar shot

By Frances Niblock

From probable death in a dumpster to Canadian calendar kitty – so has been the first of Dusty the kitten's nine lives.

Dusty, now a two-month old ball of inquisitive fur, has been selected as one of the cutest Canadian kittens in a coast-to-coast photo contest search, sponsored by Whiskas cat food.

Whiskas' spokesman Melanie Slade said Dusty is perfect for the Only Kittens Can Be Kittens contest.

"The (contest) qualifications called for authenticity, and some sign of typical kitten activity – does it look mischievous, does it have a lot of energy – kind of the personality of the kitten coming through in the picture," Slade said, adding

eight winners will appear on a 2007 Whiskas calendar.

The photo of Dusty – ears and tail up, one paw poised to pounce – was taken by Acton's Howe Sim, a doctor and part-time professional photographer, a friend of Dusty's Mississauga owner, Ina Belu.

Sim, 37, said Belu adopted Dusty after hearing that he and three of his littermates who were less than a month old, had been rescued from a garbage bag that was found in a Mississauga dumpster.

Sim said through much love and care – and early concern from a vet who wondered if the runt kitten would survive – Dusty grew to be the healthy, energetic and much-loved kitty that Sim captured with his lens in early June.

Sim said he'd heard about the Whiskas contest and asked Belu if he could photograph Dusty.

Although he ended up with a winning photo, Sim said it wasn't the easiest of shoots in Belu's backyard.

"Kittens are tough – kittens are impossible, they are so difficult to work with

because they are so active," he said on Friday, adding Dusty is a very active kitten who didn't so much run around, but pounce and leap all over the yard. Sim said he does a lot of portrait work, mostly kids and babies, but also is shooting a growing number of pets for loving owners.

When not armed with his camera, Sim is a doctor, specializing in internal medicine at the Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga.

"Ultimately, I'd think I'd like to do this (photography) fulltime – I absolutely love photography – it's my passion and clearly, if I stumbled across it a few years ago before I started medicine, I would definitely not be doing medicine," Sim said.

For his winning photo, Sim earned \$500 worth of Whiskas cat food that Dusty will enjoy and \$500 for the charity of his choice – the Toronto Humane Society.

All of the cutest kittens, including Dusty, can be viewed at www.onlykittenscanbekittens.ca

Howe Sim's work can be seen at www.howesim.com

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